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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIAN ORIGIN
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more opportunities for research to the Scientists and Technologists of Indian origin living in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the above purposes during the current five year plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT.(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government is drawing a scheme for promoting joint project based connectivity between Scientists and Technologists of Indian Origin Abroad (STIOs) and home country Indian Science and Technology personnel; and in doing so, it will help in gaining from STIOs experience, expertise and other resources at their disposal.

(b) This Scheme is not been structured discipline-wise; in fact the joint project proposal applications will be expected to be of mutual interest to the home country scientists and STIOs abroad and to be in an Science and Technology area of national importance. The Indian scientists working at public funded academic and research institute will have to locate a suitable STIO who is willing to work in a joint project mode to be implemented in India.

(c) Since the Scheme is still at the formulation stage, no provision of funds has been made for this scheme in the current Five Year Plan.